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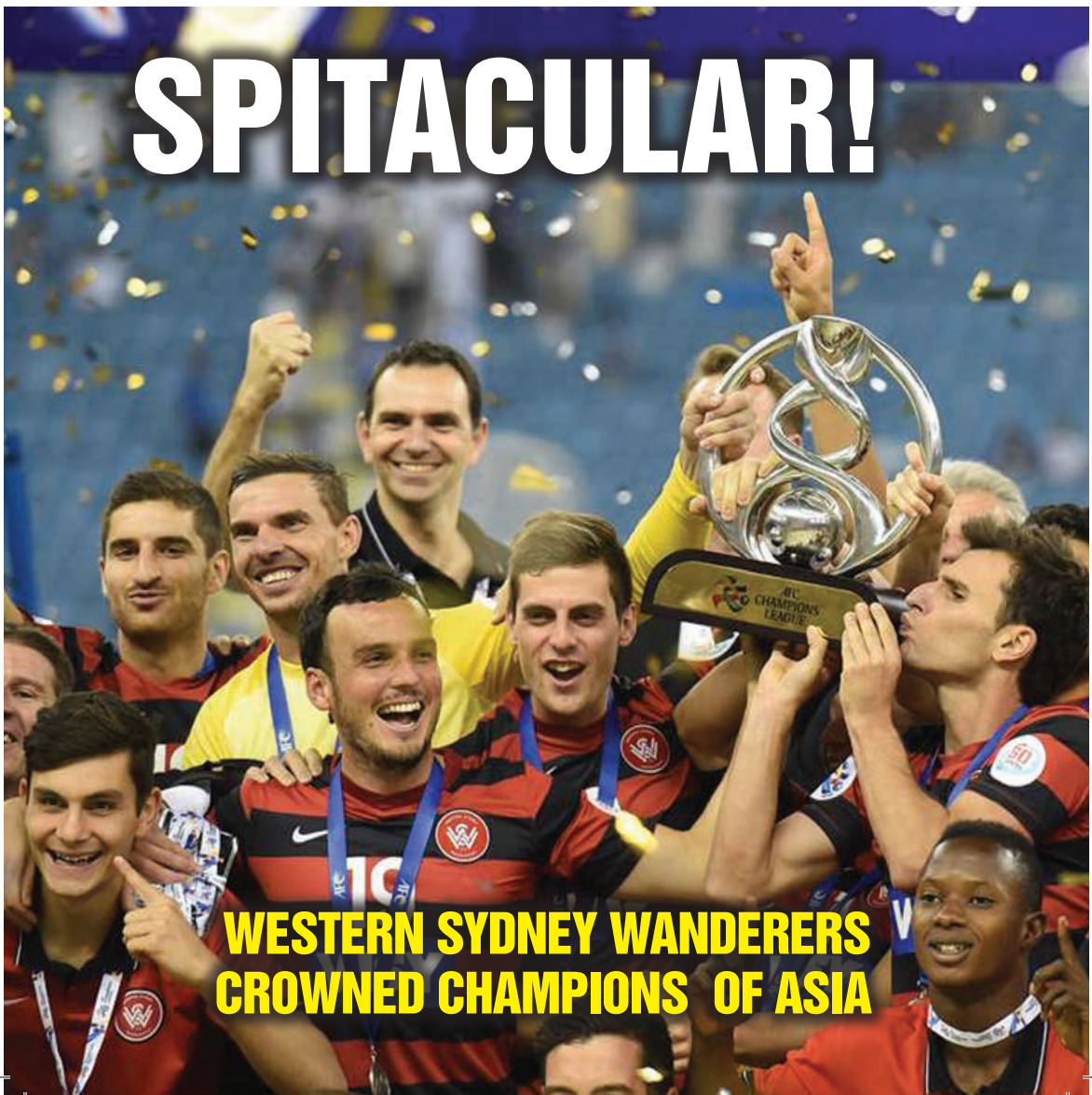
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ACL Final - 2nd Leg



"This is the best trip, I've ever been on!"

By Pablo Bateson

Wow, what a remarkable achievement by our Western Sydney Wanderers**"campeones, campeones, ole, ole, ole!"**

This attempt to convey some of the shared experiences from five incredible days of our "Wander Tour" for the AFC Champions League (ACL) final second leg in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia comes from the heart. Only now are we beginning to properly reflect on and process what happened (yes it really did!) from the ultimate road-trip of a lifetime.

Flying to Riyadh via Dubai to arrive one day earlier than the rest of our travelling supporters group meant we took advantage of being chauffeured around Riyadh for sightseeing, a visit to the team hotel, media conferences and training sessions. Mr Ali from the Ministry of Culture and Information proved to be a fine host throughout the day, and streamlined access as we crisscrossed this dispersed metropolis of over 4 million people.

At the late afternoon media conference, under a barrage of questioning Tony Popovic continually reiterated that the game held "no fear". By contrast Al Hilal coach Laurentiu Reghecampf spoke of making sure that their opponents remained a "small team". Such arrogance by the Romanian extended almost bizarrely to wearing large mirrored sunglasses! Our first taste of the impressively designed King Fahd International Stadium included observing a relaxed Popa juggling the ball centre field during the 6-30pm final training session of the Wanderers.

Early morning on match day and our supporters group was complete, including the arrival of affable TV celebrity Ian "Dicko" Dickson and a truly remarkable young woman Katie Durnell adorned in respectful traditional dress accompanied by father Richard. A mostly chill out time was followed by early 4pm departure in hire cars to the stadium. At times the roads were more like a moving car park as we heard that six hours prior to kick off the stadium was already all but full.

With help of priority access we got inside the stadium by around 6pm and much time to soak up the electric atmosphere. Our allotted VIP cushioned seating turned out to be a good location to hang banners and next to where about 130 expats including embassy staff were to congregate. Subtle and perhaps positive omens included

the huge vertical display of the trophy being in the same half as the large WSW on field banner, and promotion of Australia's hosting of the 2015 Asian Cup appearing for a long period on the main video screens.

The home fans provided a magnificent all around the stadium blue and white cards tifo display, we got warmed up with scarves up and chants, and so the game kicked off. After showing some early promise, a pattern emerged for domination of possession by Al Hilal and yet unconvincing poise in final critical areas. Holding firm and at half time we felt that the 'right result' was looking even more achievable.

Second half; and it was mostly one way traffic other than the occasional counter attack which was mostly quickly closed down. The Saudi team played wonderful fluent build up football and yet began to miss clear cut chances created. Substitutions for our team did little to turn the momentum, and it was left to defensive resilience and some of the finest shot stopping ever seen in the ACL from Ante Covic to thwart the home side. We did the ritual 80th "Poznan" to help distract from our concern about somehow holding on 0-0.

The tension in those last 10 minutes was so much that my legs felt weak with pulse racing, so at times kneeling propped on safety rail was best option to maintain the focus. The five minutes of time added seemed to be the longest ever experienced. Then with relief the final whistle and emotions poured out. Much tears, smiles, cheering, hugs and almost disbelief that our club had reached the greatest honour ever of an Australian club football team. Dicko remarked: "It was as if Harry Potter had cast a spell (to protect the Wanderers goal)".

The presentation of the medals and ACL trophy was followed by another ritual "Who do we sing for? We sing for Wanderers! ...etc" chanting exchange between our fans and the magnificent and jubilant team.

At the post match media conference in response to my question, Popa revealed that the "turning point" for belief that we could win the title was just after we prevailed in the quarter final over Guangzhou. The reality is that although Al Hilal played well, this rich club was not good enough by failing to score one goal over more than 180 minutes.



Our celebrations continued back at the Australian Embassy, with players, club staff and travelling fans group mixing freely, and sharing the joy with mutual affection and admiration. This included Matthew Spiranovic insisting on loaning yours truly his title winning medal, after expressing a hope that "it contained some solid gold"! Then back to our Radisson Blu hotel, some late coffees and on to social media until 5-30am.

Recovery day after began with a group breakfast, and then over to the Courtyard Marriott hotel for three hours of socialising with the squad, lunch and photo opportunities. All supporters got chance to hold the trophy, with Tomi Juric seemingly well in control of its management and later safe keeping.

The almost full flight home via Dubai was made all the more enjoyable by sharing it with the squad, spread across both business and economy classes due to relatively late bookings only a few weeks earlier.

After arrival on time by Emirates flight EK414, we were ushered into a special section of immigration control. Then we felt like rock stars (no, better than) walking just ahead of players and coaching staff to the amazing sight and intensity of thousands of Wanderers supporters.

With Dicko leading out wearing a traditional Arabian head dress, my own spontaneous response was waving a red and black scarf right along the walkway to a designated holding area within the security ring. Next we joined in with a series of incredibly loud chants with musical

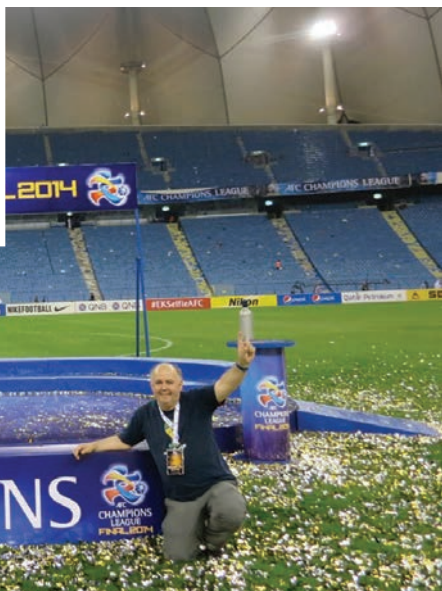
accompaniment by "La Banda" to welcome the players and coaching staff with the ACL trophy. "He saves to the left, he saves to the right, he's Ante Covic, he saves them all night" and "Pop, Pop, Popovic". There has never been such an immense welcome for any sporting team into Australia.

This ACL final has been of the greatest highlights of my whole life! It has been a privilege to be part of our supporters group over in Riyadh, where the camaraderie of fellow fans was wonderful. The local hospitality, assistance and respect from the people of Riyadh were much appreciated, and disappointingly not something acknowledged by our mainstream media and in social media networks.

Our Wanderers made its own luck over the two legs. We are one huge football family across the multi-cultural western Sydney community and beyond. It is with great pride to be associated with a club where: "These colours unite us all, all the places we're from". More football adventures beckon, new dreams will be born and the Wanderers' story will continue.

Feedback and comments encouraged via Twitter @PabloFootball

Pablo's regular column on the national teams' scene will return for next edition of GW



SCOREBOARD

ROUND FOUR

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts	Last 5 matches
1. Melbourne Victory	4	3	1	0	12	4	+8	10	W W D W
2. Sydney FC	4	3	1	0	8	3	+5	10	W W W D
3. Adelaide United	4	3	1	0	7	3	+4	10	W W D W
4. Perth Glory	4	3	0	1	7	6	+1	9	W L W W
5. Wellington Phoenix	4	2	0	2	7	6	+1	6	L W W L
6. Central Coast	3	1	0	2	2	4	-2	3	L L W
7. Melbourne City	4	0	2	2	5	9	-4	2	L L D D
8. Newcastle Jets	4	0	1	3	3	8	-5	1	L L D L
9. Brisbane Roar	3	0	0	3	3	7	-4	0	L L L
10. Western Sydney	2	0	0	2	3	7	-4	0	L L

Perth Glory 2 (Maclaren 77', 79')

Newcastle Jets 1 (Jeronimo 74')

Attendance: 8624 nib Stadium

Melbourne Victory 2 (Finkler 24', Pain 67')

Wellington Phoenix 0

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Central Coast Mariners FC 0

Attendance: 17,761 at Allianz Stadium, Sydney

Melbourne City 1 (Kisnorbo 9')

Adelaide United 2 (Djite 38', Carrusca 80')

Crowd: 13,083 at AAMI Park, Melbourne

Wanderers v Brisbane Roar

Reschedule due to ACL Final.

TOP GOAL SCORERS

B. Berisha	Melb Victory	4
A. Keogh	Perth Glory	4
N. Burns	Wellington	3
J. MacLaren	Perth Glory	3
M. McGlinchey	Wellington	3
A. Thompson	Melb Victory	3
M. Bridge	Wanderers	2
Cirio	Adelaide Utd	2
B. Djité	Adelaide Utd	2
C. Gameiro	Sydney FC	2
D. Villa	Melb City	2
T. Antonis	Sydney FC	1
F. B. Khalfallah	Melb Victory	1
T. Broich	Brisbane Roar	1
A. Brosque	Sydney FC	1

AGAINST ALL ODDS

A-League Title 2014/15

Melbourne Victory	4.00
Sydney FC	5.00
Adelaide United	5.50
Wanderers	8.50
Perth Glory	12.00
Melbourne City	12.00
Brisbane Roar	13.00
Central Coast Mariners	15.00
Wellington Phoenix	15.00
Newcastle Jets	26.00

MATCH STATS

THIS WEEK

Round 05	Fixture	Venue	Local	AEDT
Friday 7 November	Wellington Phoenix v Wanderers	Westpac Stadium	7:30 PM	5:30 PM
Friday 7 November	Adelaide United v Sydney FC	Coopers Stadium	7:00 PM	7:30 PM
Saturday 8 November	Newcastle Jets v Melb Victory	Hunter Stadium	5:00 PM	5:00 PM
Saturday 8 November	Brisbane Roar v Melbourne City	Suncorp Stadium	6:45 PM	7:45 PM
Sunday 9 November	Mariners v Perth Glory	Central Coast Stadium	5:00 PM	5:00 PM

NEXT WEEK

Round 06	Fixture	Venue	Local	AEDT
Friday 14 Nov	Newcastle Jets v Brisbane Roar	Hunter Stadium	7:30 PM	7:30 PM
Saturday 15 Nov	Adelaide Utd v Phoenix	Coopers Stadium	4:30 PM	5:00 PM
Saturday 15 Nov	Sydney FC v Melbourne Victory	Allianz Stadium	7:45 PM	7:45 PM
Saturday 15 Nov	Perth Glory v Wanderers	nib Stadium	6:45 PM	9:45 PM
Sunday 16 Nov	Melbourne City v Mariners	AAMI Park	5:00 PM	5:00 PM



It's jaw-dropping stuff as fans and Adelaide United shot-stopper Eugene Galekovic look on in awe.



Reds Spoil Villa's Farewell

Melbourne City bid adios to departing superstar David Villa in disappointing fashion after suffering a 2-1 loss to Adelaide United on Friday evening.

Goals to Bruce Djite and Marcelo Carrusca's penalty either side of half time handed the visitors the win, after Patrick Kisnorbo headed the hosts ahead. Villa's smart work down the left created Duff's goal bound volley. Eugene Galekovic cut a relieved figure as the shot stopper saw the ball ricochet off the post. City got the go-ahead goal on nine minutes, as Duff's corner was met by Kisnorbo who sent a wonderful glancing header past Galekovic. Villa forced a low save from the goalkeeper on 20 minutes, gliding past Tarek Elrich in the process. Tarek Elrich then picked out Bruce Djite and the striker made no mistake from six yards. John Van't Schip will be asking questions of his defence, leaving a striker like the in-form Djite completely unmarked.

With Van't Schip and his compatriot, Josep Gombau preferring a midfield three, making the game a foul-ridden affair. Kisnorbo was only cautioned for a foul on Djite as the striker raced in on goal. Chris Beath ruled it did not deny

a clear goalscoring opportunity to the burly forward, to the amazement of the Adelaide bench. Villa then went on a mazy run, beating Awer Mabil and defender Osama Malik, twice, to force another low save out of Galekovic. Substitute Bruce Kamau then provided Adelaide the opportunity to go ahead, as he was played through by Isaia and rounded Redmayne, only to be clattered by the goalkeeper. Beath, again, deemed it insufficient enough to warrant a red card despite the trajectory of the striker's run.

Carrusca assumed responsibility and guided his effort past Redmayne to put the visitors ahead with 10 minutes to play. Kamau then inexplicably blazed over from the exact position that Mabil missed from against Perth Glory last round, after Djite's determined run. City threw everything at the Adelaide defence in the closing stages, but to no avail, as a serious dampener was put on Villa's farewell party. Adelaide host Sydney FC next Friday night while City travel to Suncorp Stadium to face reigning premiers Brisbane Roar.

Melbourne City



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Adelaide United



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MATCH DETAILS

Melbourne City 1 (Kisnorbo 9')
Adelaide United 2 (Djite 38', Carrusca 80')

AAMI Park, Melbourne
Referee: Chris Beath
Assistants: Luke Brennan, Brad Hobson
Crowd: 13,083

Melbourne City: 1. Andrew Redmayne (Gk), 18. Jason Hoffman, 4. Robbie Wilaert, 24. Patrick Kisnorbo, 5. Erik Paartalu, 8. Massimo Muroccca (18. Paulo Retre 84'), 6. Aaron Mooy, 11. Damien Duff, 23. Mate Dugandzic (15. David Williams 58'), 9. David Villa, 13. Jonathan Germano (19. Ben Garruccio 27')

Adelaide United: 1. Eugene Galekovic, 3. Nigel Boogaard, 5. Osama Malik, 8. Isaia, 9. Sergio Cirio, 10. Marcelo Carrusca (2. Michael Marrone 90'), 11. Bruce Djite (4. Dylan McGowan 84'), 16. Craig Goodwin, 17. Awer Mabil (24. Bruce Kamau 72'), 18. James Jeggo, 21. Tarek Elrich

Man Of The Match: Marcelo Carrusca



Goalmouth action as Jamie Maclaren makes himself a menace in the box to score from close range.





Maclaren's double brings down the Jets

Perth Glory striker Jamie Maclaren came off the bench to score twice to help beat Newcastle Jets 2-1 at the nib Stadium on Saturday afternoon. The former young Socceroo made an immediate impact scoring sixty seconds after replacing Daniel de Silva, and he bagged the winner two minutes later, this after Argentinian striker Jeronimo Neumann had given the Jets the lead on 74 minutes. "They (Newcastle) came with a game plan and they executed it very well," Maclaren said. "They went 1-0 up and they probably thought the game was over. But we stuck at it and thankfully we got the three points. Now we're sitting on nine points, it's a great start for us and we'll take it to Central Coast next week."

The home side dominated from the offset and went close to the opener after only eight minutes. Nebojsa Marinkovic's corner was only cleared as far as De Silva on the edge of the box, his powerful shot was well blocked by Mark Birighitti, and the ricochet was cleared off the line by the alert Andrew Hoole.

Glory skipper Michael Thwaite made a marauding charge up the park and was brought down on the edge of the penalty area by Jacob Pepper. Marinkovic saw his curling free kick flash inches past the post. Then on the half hour Thwaite was picked out by Marinkovic's corner, but the defender blazed over from six-yards.

The Jets were defending in numbers, their best chance of the opening half came moments later, Hoole's long-range shot whistled just the wrong side of the post.

The Glory started the second half as they finished the first, and it looked only a matter of time before they would open the scoring. Mitch Nichols burst clear three minutes in, but Jets skipper Kew Jaliens got back with a timely last ditch tackle. The Jets began to get in the game and on the hour David Carney's cross from the bye-line ended up at the feet of Pepper, whose effort was cleared off the line by Thwaite.

But the Jets silenced the Glory crowd on 74 minutes, when they hit the front. A great through ball from Pepper sent Jeronimo clear and the striker finished powerfully past Vukovic at his near post. It was a huge blow for the home side, but three minutes later parity was restored. Youssouf Hersi made space down the left, before picking out another second half substitute Scott Jamieson, his low cross was turned home by Maclaren from eight-yards.

It was game on, and the Glory faithful were on their feet again two minutes later, as Maclaren struck again. Marinkovic's curling corner was headed back across goal by Rostyn Griffiths and Maclaren headed home from close-range to seal the victory.

PERTH GLORY



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Newcastle Jets



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MATCH DETAILS

Perth Glory 2 (Maclaren 77', 79')
Newcastle Jets 1 (Jeronimo 74')

Nib Stadium
Attendance: 8624
Referee: Ben Williams

Perth Glory: Gk Danny Vukovic, 2 Jack Clisby (21 Scott Jamieson 55'), 5 Rostyn Griffiths, 6 Dino Djulbic, 7 Youssouf Hersi, 9 Andy Keogh, 10 Nebojsa Marinkovic, 13 Diogo Ferreira, 17 Mitch Nichols (11 Richard Garcia 72'), 20 Daniel De Silva (15 Jamie Maclaren 76'), 23 Michael Thwaite (C)

Yellow Cards: Nil

Newcastle Jets: Gk Mark Birighitti, 3 Taylor Regan, 4 Kew Jaliens (C), 5 Benjamin Kantarovski (8 Zenon Caravella 83'), 7 Jeronimo Neumann (17 James Virgili 78'), 9 Joel Griffiths (13 Edson Montano 72'), 11 Andrew Hoole, 12 Sam Gallagher, 16 Jacob Pepper, 18 Allan Welsh, 23 David Carney

Yellow Cards: Carney 24', Pepper 67'

Sash Ognenovski doesn't know much about it, but they all count as the ball rebounds off the big man and into the net.





Sky Blues continue to fly high

Sydney FC have taken another step towards A-league redemption with a convincing and dominant victory over the Central Coast Mariners. In front of 17,761 spectators and in the perfect conditions for football, an attacking minded Sky Blues outfit showed everyone how much they've changed from previous incarnations as goals to Terry Antonis and Sasa Ognenovski brought all 3 points to the boys in blue.

While the headlines painted this match up as all about Graham Arnold coming up against his former side for the first time, the reality was a first half where the home side, brimming with confidence, had the visiting Central Coast Mariners struggling to gain any type of foothold in the game. This pressure proved too much in the 21st minute when Terry Antonis rifled a shot into the bottom left corner of the Mariners goal with devastating accuracy following a training ground corner routine that gave him the time and space to pick his shot.

The visitors did have their chances to bring the score level though as Sebastian Ryall was forced to clear the ball from the line following a goalmouth scramble but as the away side failed to convert their opportunities at one end, the home side

doubled their lead with Sasa Ognenovski bundling the ball over the goal line following yet more creative dead ball play, reinforcing the hard work done by this new and improved Sydney FC in the off season, as the first half ended 2-0 to Sydney FC who were too fast, direct and dangerous for an overwhelmed Mariners defence.

The second half saw a more even playing field as the Mariners managed to find their rhythm, even striking the crossbar at the end of, admittedly one of many, long balls into the box that saw the handful of travelling supporters finally have something to enjoy. Such moments were too few to threaten the Sky Blue's backline however and despite a scare in the 88th minute as the Mariners were awarded a penalty, Janjetovic's incredible double save, destined to be an A-league highlight all year, effectively ended any hopes of a Mariners comeback.

This was a performance that bore all the hallmarks of a side bound for the finals and although the A-league season is still young it no longer seems a case of 'if' the Sky Blues will make the top 6, but how far into the finals they can go.

Sydney FC



2

Central Coast Mariners



0

MATCH DETAILS

Sydney Fc 2 (Antonis 21', Ognenovski 25')

Central Coast Mariners 0.

Ground: Allianz Stadium

Referee: Strebbe Delovski

Attendance: 17,761

Sydney Fc: 20. Vedran Janjetovic, 2. Seb Ryall, 3. Sasa Ognenovski, 6. Nikola Petkovic, 7. Corey Gameiro, 8. Milos Dimitrijevic, 11. Bernie Ibini (13. Christopher Naumoff 69'), 14. Alex Brosque (16. Alex Gersbach 86'), 17. Terry Antonis, 21. Marc Janko (19. Nick Carle 80'), 22. Ali Abbas.

Yellow Cards: Abbas 5', Ryall 56'.

Red Cards: None.

Central Coast Mariners: 1. Matthew Nash, 2. Storm Roux, 3. Josh Rose, 4. Jacob Poscoliero, 7. John Hutchinson (Captain), 9. Mitchell Duke, 10. Anthony Caceres, 14. Malick Mane (11. Nick Fitzgerald 59'), 15. Matthew Sim (8. Nick Montgomery 80'), 18. Glen Trifiro (26. Seung Yong Kim 73'), 25. Eddy Bosnar.

Yellow Cards: Bosnar 25'.

Red Cards: None

Man Of The Match: Terry Antonis

In name and nature: Connor Pain comes off the bench to inflict some pain on the Phoenix with a goal.





Victory go top after Phoenix win

An injury depleted Melbourne Victory overcame its first major hurdle of their title challenge on Monday, knocking off Wellington Phoenix 2-0 at AAMI Park despite missing a number of its key players. With Adrian Leijer and Daniel Georgievski both suspended following their mid-week FFA Cup loss to Perth Glory and Matthieu Delpierre and Besart Berisha both injured, the visiting Wellington appeared in with a chance of registering their first away win over the Victory.

Goals in each half however, one from Gui Finkler in the first and Connor Pain in the second, sealed the win for Victory which sends them to the top of the A-League ladder after four rounds.

Thompson had a shot blocked inside the opening three minutes after being set up by Khalfallah before Kosta Barbarouses sprayed a shot wide after being allowed to run into the box from the right.

Carl Valeri was next to threaten the Phoenix goal with a shot from outside the box just sailing over the bar after being played through by Finkler.

However the breakthrough came after 24 minutes when Tunisian international Khalfallah was brought down on the edge of the box on the left-hand side. Set-piece specialist Gui Finkler stepped up and

swerved the ball into the box, beating everyone including 'Nix keeper Glen Moss as the ball sailed into the net.

Wellington came out firing in the second-half and it was half-time substitute Jeremy Brockie who went close with a head-effort early on as Wellington pushed for an equaliser, while Louis Fenton also went close in like manner as the visitors dominated the early stages of the second half. Wellington's impressive start to the second-half couldn't continue, as Melbourne doubled their advantage in the 68th minute.

Thompson played through Connor Pain who entered the field just sixty seconds earlier and with his first touch of the ball the 20-year-old slotted it home to make it 2-0 and seal the three points for the home side. Melbourne Victory now travels to Hunter Stadium on Saturday to take on eighth place and the winless Newcastle Jets, hoping to continue their impressive start to the season.

With the likes of Adrian Leijer and Daniel Georgievski both returning from suspension and Matthieu Delpierre and Besart Berisha hoping to return from injury, it could be a tough task for Phil Stubbins' Jets to break their winless start to the A-league season.

Melbourne Victory



2

WELLINGTON PHOENIX



0

MATCH DETAILS

Melbourne Victory 1 (Finkler 24', Pain 67') Defeated Wellington Phoenix 0 At AAMI Park
Attendance: 23,827

Melbourne Victory: 1. Nathan Coe, 5. Mark Milligan (C), 6. Leigh Broxham, 7. Gui Finkler (26. Jordan Brown 89'), 9. Kosta Barbarouses, 10. Archie Thompson, 14. Fahid Ben Khalfallah (11. Connor Pain 67'), 16. Rashid Mahazi, 18. Dylan Murnane, 21. Carl Valeri (22. Jesse Makarounas 67'), 24. Scott Galloway

Yellow Cards: Ben Khalfallah 18'
Red Cards: Nil

Wellington Phoenix: 1. Glen Moss (Gk), 2. Manny Muscat, 4. Roly Bonevacia, 8. Alex Rodriguez (11. Jeremy Brockie 45'), 9. Nathan Burns, 10. Michael McGlinchey, 13. Albert Riera, 16. Louis Fenton (19. Thomas Doyle 82'), 17. Vince Lia (21. Roy Krishna 75'), 18. Ben Sigmund, 22. Andrew Durante (C)

Yellow Cards: Muscat 31', Riera 47', Fenton 80', Durante 81'
Red Cards: Nil

Compiled by Nick Amies

A-LEAGUE TEAM OF THE WEEK ROUND 04



Griffiths

Tarek ELRICH
Adelaide United

Kept David Villa relatively quiet in his final A-League game, and got forward to set-up Bruce Djite's fine headed goal with a devastating cross.

Mark MILLIGAN
Melbourne Victory

The Victory captain was forced into the heart of defence but performed with aplomb, playing out from the back well and keeping the Wellington attack at bay with ease.

Milos DIMITRIJEVIC
Sydney FC

Terry Antonis may have stolen the show with his goal, but the Serbian midfielder was the true star in the middle of the park, showing some fine skill on the ball.

Rostyn GRIFFITHS
Perth Glory

In a rather dull game Griffiths distinguished himself as one of the better players on the park at the base of the midfield.

Jamie MACLAREN
Perth Glory

Once again the young striker changed a game from the bench, scoring two goals in quick succession to cancel out Jeronimo's opener and win the game.

Vedran JANJETOVIC
Sydney FC

Granted, the Sydney Blues' keeper didn't have a lot to do, but he was on hand in the dying minutes to save Mitchell Duke's penalty and the follow-up from Kim Seung-Yong.



Brosque

Leigh BROXHAM
Melbourne Victory

Played well alongside Milligan to help the Victory to a rare clean sheet.

Marcelo CARRUSCA
Adelaide United

He was overrun by City's energetic midfielders early on Friday night, but eventually his class shone through, dictating the tempo of attack and slotting home the winning penalty.

Ali ABBAS
Sydney FC

The converted midfielder continued his good form at left back, not giving away any good chances and surging forward to support Corey Gameiro.

Alex BROSQUE
Sydney FC

Graham Arnold will be sweating on Brosque's fitness after leaving the field injured on Sunday, with his movement creating havoc among the Central Coast defenders. One of the signings of the season.

Archie THOMPSON
Melbourne Victory

The veteran showed he still has what it takes to lead the line, using his pace to trouble the Wellington defence and setting up Connor Pain for the game-clincher with a fine pass.



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Daniel's Big Day Out

The day after the Wanderers' 2014 ACL title victory, Goal Weekly's Pablo Bateson sat down with Daniel Mullen at the team hotel in Riyadh. Daniel is unique in Australian football as the only player to have been part of ACL squads with two different teams that have played in finals. The first in 2008 was with Adelaide United, and now six years on he has collected a winner's medal.

Compiled by Pablo Bateson

Have you come back down to earth yet?

"Not really...last night was pretty crazy, after the game we went back to Australian embassy and had a bit of fun together, then obviously didn't get much sleep last night. This morning, still haven't really come down yet"
"To come away as Asian champions, I think it's going to be a few more restless nights"

You are expecting a tremendous welcome home at the airport with thousands of fans and obviously your families and loved ones?

"We've heard some rumours there are going to be at least couple of thousand people welcoming us; that's brilliant. We have such fantastic support back at home; the RBB and the Wanderers fans, they are amazing"
"We heard stories, saw pictures and watched videos of the support they showed back home, packing out RSL clubs, the casino and in Parramatta's Centenary Square"
"The be able to celebrate with them and show just how much they mean to us is very important"

What about the comparisons with previous clubs like Adelaide?

"We're such a close knit group, and that includes the coaching staff. We all have the same goal; we all work extremely hard throughout the week. The boys are just ultimate professionals and we drive each other on every day. To be part of that is challenging at times, but when you come away (like players in the past) with two grand finals and now an ACL title it makes it all worthwhile"

Only Eugene Galekovic has played more ACL matches than you, so was it unfinished business from that 'so near yet so far' campaign for Adelaide in 2008?

"We didn't really know how big a deal it was. For an Australian club just to make the final was a massive deal. Obviously I wanted to go one better as the team (Wanderers) did as well. The Australian public now realise how special that is. You can see the coverage that we are getting back home. It's something that is going to be hard to replicate in the future, so all of us feel very extremely privileged to be part of this special team and moment"

What are your expectations looking forward to the FIFA World Cup Club Championship in Morocco this December?

"I've been lucky enough to play in this competition before. It's something very special, because it's the elite, and the best of the best. There are going to be no illusions, and yet we are going to try and win every game, doesn't matter who we are up against. We're a team that doesn't settle for second best. It will be a great experience, so we'll make the most of it"

How's your French for this bilingual nation?

"Not the best. I've previously played with a few French players back in China. It's a beautiful language and I've been trying to learn it"

Was Guangzhou the turning point for believing the Wanderers could win the ACL?

"Looking at the Guangzhou team, they were the champions previously and had such a great squad. To go over there and come away with the result we needed in such tough and hostile conditions was almost like a preparation for this (ACL final). Coming from that game gave us great belief we could do something special in this tournament"

How about your future aspirations?

"Waking up this morning I was straight away looking forward to playing against Wellington on Friday. We are at a club where we want to keep improving and get better, players and staff included. Very exciting for me personally to play as big a part as possible in such a great squad"

What about fixtures congestion in terms of fitness?

"We are the fittest club in the country. We were able to pretty much outrun other teams in the quarter and semi finals of the ACL even though they were in the latter stages of their season proper and we were basically in pre-season"
"When you have a lot of games in a short period of time, sometimes it's a good thing. It means less training, more games, and a focus on games and then recovery. We are lucky we have such depth in our squad that if we need to rest players no problem. For every position we have two or three people that can play there; that know their roles and do the job"

Thank you Daniel and congratulations on this epic title win. All football fans back in Australia and the group that travelled to here in Riyadh are very proud of the Wanderers team.

Football Almanac

The month of November in the world of football

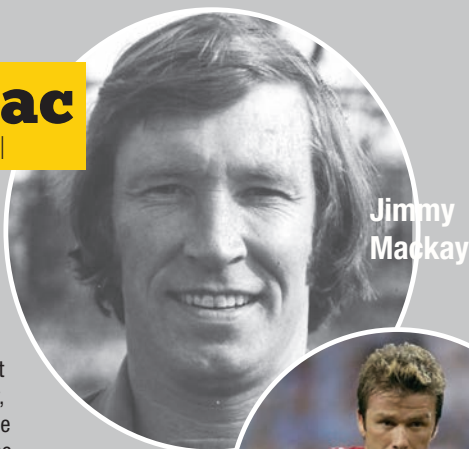
11 November 1993 - Socceroo and Melbourne Victory forward Connor Pain born in Hong Kong

12th November 1983 - Carlton Cole, English football player

12 November 2005 - ENGLAND 3 ARGENTINA 2 - Fitting that Argentina, the side with whom Beckham has so much history, are the opponents when he captains England for the 50th time in a friendly in Geneva. Beckham's knock-down sets up Wayne Rooney for England's first before two late Michael Owen goals pinch victory.

13 November 1973 - Jimmy Mackay scores the winner for Australia in the 1-0 World Cup Playoff win against Sth Korea in Hong Kong Stadium, Hong Kong to clinch a place in its first World Cup finals to be held in Germany 1974.

15 November 2000 - ITALY 1 ENGLAND 0 - Caretaker boss Peter Taylor hands David Beckham the captain's armband for the first



Jimmy Mackay



David Beckham

time for the friendly in Turin but Gennaro Gattuso spoils the occasion with the winner. Sven-Goran Eriksson decides to stick with him as skipper.

The PFA Column



On behalf of the PFA's 500 plus members I would like to express our congratulations to the Western Sydney Wanderers on becoming Australia's first Asian Champions League (ACL) Winner.

This achievement is nothing short of remarkable. Throughout their journey in the competition the Wanderers have repeatedly overcome the odds, despite the enormity of the challenges they have faced.

The players have confronted grueling travel and playing schedules, clubs with far superior playing budgets and hostile away fans and never have they wilted under this pressure. Rather they have embraced the challenge and become even more determined to achieve their goal of becoming Asian Champions.

Throughout their ACL campaign the support of the Wanderers fans would have been hugely significant for the players. As shown by last seasons PFA A-League Stadium Ratings, where the players rated the Wanderers fans as the best in the competition, the atmosphere created by

the Red and Black Bloc (RBB) is truly world class.

As many have already stated, this is indeed a significant moment, not just for the Wanderers and the A-League but for Australian football as a whole. The Wanderers efforts have shown that there should be no limits placed on Australian football or its players for what can be achieved.

Adam Vivian | PFA Chief Executive





Phoenix v Wanderers

Fri 7 Nov Westpac Stdm 7:30PM



1. Glen Moss
2. Manny Muscat
3. Reece Caira
4. Roly Bonevacia
5. Michael Boxall
6. Josh Brindell-South
7. Kenny Cunningham
8. Alejandro Gorriñ
9. Nathan Burns
10. Michael McGlinchey
11. Jeremy Brockie
12. Tyler Boyd
13. Albert Riera
14. Alex Rufer
15. Jason Hicks
16. Louis Fenton
17. Vince Lia
18. Ben Sigmund
(vice-captain)
19. Tom Doyle
20. Lewis Italiano
21. Roy Krishna
22. Andrew Durante
(captain)
23. Matthew Ridenton



The Odds	Head to Head
Phoenix 2.45	Played 6
Draw 3.40	Phoenix 2
Wanderers 2.75	Draws 2
	Wanderers 2

Kiss of Death
Wellington 1-1 Wanderers

1. Ante Covic
2. Shannon Cole
3. Daniel Mullen
4. Nikolai Topor-Stanley
(Captain)
5. Brendan Hamill
6. Antony Golec
7. Labinot Haliti
8. Tomi Juric
10. Vitor Saba
11. Brendon Šantalab
13. Matthew Spiranovic
14. Kwabena Appiah
15. Yianni Perkatiss
17. Romeo Castelen
18. Iacopo La Rocca
19. Mark Bridge
20. Dean Bouzanis
23. Jason Trifiro
31. Alusine Fofanah
32. Daniel Alessi
34. .Golgol Mebrahtu
- TBC. Seyi Adeleke

Phoenix awaits Asian champs

Joe Gallagher

Western Sydney Wanderers' first A-League fixture since being crowned Asian champions will see them travel to Wellington to play the Phoenix on Friday night.

A trip across the ditch will be a welcome change from the long haul departure lounge for Tony Popovic's side, who fresh off having their passports stamped in Saudi Arabia. The Tasman Sea is short-haul compared to the Indian Ocean, as far as the Wanderers are concerned.

After conquering the continent, attention must now turn to breaking new ground in Australia and, to that end, the Wanderers have some work to do. Beaten soundly in round one before squandering a two-goal lead in the derby a week later, it's done Popovic's cause no good for the rest of the league

to quietly accumulate points while his unit have gone about making history. He finds himself with ten points to make up on the league leaders, albeit with two games in hand.

One of the teams who have gathered pace in the Wanderers' absence are Wellington Phoenix, who have started strongly enough and are firmly in a mid-table position after four rounds. And though their brief resurgence was halted on Monday evening at the hands of Melbourne Victory, Ernie Merrick's side will still be confident of an upset win over the well-travelled Wanderers, who themselves only arrived back in Sydney hours later.

Merrick will likely revert to his preferred starting line-up after an experimental formation became unstuck against the Victory. Manny Muscat and Louis Fenton were terrorised on the flanks and Jeremy Brockie's im-

pact as a substitute freed up space for the likes of Michael McGlinchey and Roly Bonevacia to stretch their legs in midfield.

Infamously described as a 'small team' before lifting the Champions League, Western Sydney cannot be afforded such anonymity in the domestic league. Showered with praise since their historic run, all eyes will be on how well Popovic's side put aside the champagne and motivate themselves to push for domestic honours.

Opposition teams will be eyeing up the Wanderers and – after a brief guard of honour is observed on Friday – will show Western Sydney no additional respect.

The Phoenix and Wanderers enjoy an even record against one another, with six regular season matches resulting in two wins, two draws and two losses for each.

• Wanderers are looking to avoid a third consecutive A-League defeat, something that has never happened to them in the regular season.

• Wanderers have won just one of their last six away games, losing the other five (including playoffs).



Adelaide Utd v Sydney FC

Fri 7 Nov Coopers Stdm 7PM



1. Eugene Galekovic (captain)
2. Michael Marrone
3. Nigel Boogaard
4. Dylan McGowan
5. Osama Malik
6. Cássio (vice-captain)
7. Pablo Sánchez
8. Isaías
9. Cirio
10. Marcelo Carrusca
11. Bruce Djite
12. Mark Ochieng
13. Dylan Smith
14. Cameron Watson
15. Ben Warland
16. Craig Goodwin
17. Awer Mabil
18. James Jeggo
20. Paul Izzo
21. Tarek Elrich
22. Fábio Ferreira
23. Jordan Elsey
24. Bruce Kamau
30. John Hall
32. Nathan Konstandopoulos



The Odds	Head to Head
Adelaide Utd 2.05	Played 27
Draw 3.50	Adelaide 13
Sydney FC 3.35	Draws 3
	Sydney Fc 11

Kiss of Death
Perth Glory 3-1 Newcastle

1. Ivan Necevski
2. Sebastian Ryall
3. Saša Ognenovski (vice captain)
4. Pedj Bojic
5. Matthew Jurman
6. Nikola Petkovic (vice captain)
7. Corey Gameiro
8. Miloš Dimitrijevic
9. Shane Smeltz
11. Bernie Ibini-Isei
12. Hagi Gligor
13. Alex Gersbach
14. Alex Brosque (captain)
16. Chris Naumoff
17. Terry Antonis
18. Peter Triantis
19. Nick Carle
20. Vedran Janjetovic
21. Marc Janko
22. Ali Abbas
23. Rhyan Grant
30. Anthony Bouzanis

Reds and Sky Blues ready for showdown

Matt Mays

This season we will be looking ahead to the Reds' Hyundai A-League matches by rolling back the clock and revisiting some of the club's most memorable clashes against upcoming opponents.

With an equal-top of the table clash beckoning on Friday night at Coopers Stadium against Sydney FC, we remember a triumphant 3-0 win against our round five opponents from the 2012/13 season on New Years Eve.

United were down in confidence heading into the match after losing to Western Sydney Wanderers 6-1 and Brisbane Roar 1-0 in rounds 12 and 13 respectively. Meanwhile the Sky-Blues were in form after beating eventual champions Central Coast Mariners 1-0 a round prior, but were set to face Adelaide without World

Cup winner, marquee-man, and captain, Alessandro Del Piero.

Sydney looked much more fragile than against the Mariners a week earlier and fell behind after just 19 minutes through a Dario Vidosic header. With room to exploit and pace to burn, United left-back Cassio found space on the flank and whipped a delightful cross into the box. Vidosic wriggled free from his marker and glanced the ball into the far corner of the net, beating outstretched Sydney goalkeeper, Vedran Janjetovic.

And just ten minutes later, the Reds had their second. Striker, Bruce Djite, was fouled by defender, Sebastian Ryall, in Sydney's defensive 18-yard-box and a penalty was rightfully awarded to Adelaide. Vidosic calmly converted from the spot by sending Janjetovic the wrong way – beating him for the second time in relatively quick

succession.

Iain Ramsay capped off a brilliant performance by United in the 61st minute when he was on-hand to finish from six yards after a saved Djite effort fell at his mercy.

Although the game finished 3-0, the Reds had more chances throughout the match and ended up striking the frame of the goal on three separate occasions.

By the end of the season, United would finish their domestic campaign in fourth position – a single point behind third placed Melbourne Victory – while Sydney would miss out on the finals on goal difference to Perth Glory, finishing seventh overall. The Reds were eventually knocked-out in the first round of the finals, after losing 2-1 to Brisbane Roar at Coopers Stadium.

• Adelaide have lost just one of their previous six A-League games against Sydney (W4 D1).

• The Reds last lost at home in December 2013, putting together an unbeaten run of 11 games at Coopers Stadium (W7 D4).



Newcastle Jets v Melb Victory

Sat 8 Nov Hunter Stdm 5PM



1. Mark Birighitti (Gk)
2. Scott Neville
3. Taylor Regan
4. Kew Jaliens (C)
5. Ben Kantarovski
6. Adrian Madaschi
7. Jeronimo Neumann
8. Zenon Caravella
9. Joel Griffiths
10. Marcos Flores
11. Andrew Hoole
12. Sam Gallagher
13. Edson Montano
14. Billy Celeski
15. Josh Barresi
16. Jacob Pepper
17. James Virgili
18. Allan Welsh
19. Mitch Cooper
20. Ben Kennedy (Gk)
21. Sam Galloway
22. Jonny Steele
23. David Carney
25. Brandon Lundy
30. John Solari (Gk)



The Odds	Head to Head
Newcastle 3.35	Played 27
Draw 3.50	Jets 12
Melb Victory 2.05	Draws 6
	Victory 9

Kiss of Death
Jets 1-2 Victory

1. Nathan Coe
2. Jason Geria
4. Nick Ansell
5. Mark Milligan (captain)
6. Leigh Broxham (vice-captain)
7. Gui Finkler
8. Besart Berisha
9. Kosta Barbarouses
10. Archie Thompson
11. Connor Pain
13. Andrew Nabbout
14. Fahid Ben Khalfallah
15. Daniel Georgievski
16. Rashid Mahazi
17. Matthieu Delpierre
18. Dylan Murnane
20. Lawrence Thomas
21. Carl Valeri
22. Jesse Makarounas
23. Adrian Leijer (2nd vice-captain)
24. Scott Galloway
26. Jordan Brown

Jets set for home parade

Shaun Dvas

Life just does not seem to be getting any easier for the Newcastle Jets.

Winless after four straight away games to open the season to allow for the surface upgrade of Hunter Stadium, one would think the Jets would be praying for a return home.

What awaits them is a Melbourne Victory outfit who have taken the first four rounds of the A-League by storm.

Inspired by their new talisman, former Roar hero Besart Berisha, the Victory has fired themselves to the summit of the competition by playing some breathtaking football.

One only has to look at the disposals of their cross-town rivals City last round and Wellington Phoenix last Monday night to see why the Jets will be in for a difficult task.

Newcastle drew against the David Villa inspired City 1-1 and were completely hammered away to the Phoenix in a 4-1 shellacking. Victory disposed of the same opponents 5-2 and 2-0 respectively to only firm in the opinion of many pundits as being the early favourites for the league title.

Some of the speed and link up play of the Victory has been stunning to behold, with quick vertical transitions unlocking their opponents defence at will.

The combination of Berisha, Kosta Barbarouses and the evergreen Archie Thompson in the front third has been a joy to witness.

The Jets backline of Scott Neville, Kew Jaliens, Sam Gallagher and David Carney will have their work cut out to keep the Victory down to

an achievable target.

Although looking promising at times, the Jets attack has hardly flourished. New man up top Edson Montano has been well supported by veteran Joel Griffiths and Andrew Hoole but the fact remains just where are the goals going to come from for the home side?

The loss of Adam Taggart has been difficult for the Jets, as it would be for most sides if you took half their goals away.

The only real positive for the Jets is that they will be back in front of the Newcastle faithful who will surely be fired up after waiting a month into the new season to see their side.

I can't see it being enough though as the Victory look likely to unlock the Jets defence a few too many times this weekend for Phil Stubbins liking.

Newcastle Jets have gone six home games without defeat • This is Victory's best start to a season since 2008/09, where they had also collected 10 points from their first four games.



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Brisbane Roar v Melb City

Sat 8 Nov Suncorp Stdm 6:45 PM



1. Michael Theo (Gk)
2. Matt Smith (C)
3. Shane Stefanutto
4. Adam Sarota
5. Corey Brown
6. George Lambadaridis
7. Mensur Kurtiši
8. Steven Lustica
10. Henrique
11. Liam Miller
12. Carlos Solorzano
13. Jade North
14. Daniel Bowles
15. James Donachie
16. Devante Clut
17. Matt McKay
18. Luke Brattan
19. Jack Hingert
20. Kofi Danning
21. Jamie Young (Gk)
22. Thomas Broich
23. Dimitri Petratos
27. Ben Litfin
28. Brandon Borrello
29. Patrick Theodore



The Odds	Head to Head
Brisbane Roar 2.00	Played 12
Draw 3.50	Roar 6
Melb City 3.50	Drawn 2
	Melb City 4

Kiss of Death
Brisbane 3-0 Melb City

1. Andrew Redmayne
3. Robbie Wielandt
4. Connor Chapman
5. Erik Paartalu
6. Aaron Mooy
7. Iain Ramsay
8. Massimo Muroccia
9. David Villa
10. Robert Koren
11. Damien Duff
13. Jonatan Germano
14. James Brown
15. David Williams
17. Jason Hoffman
18. Paulo Retre
19. Benjamin Garuccio
20. Tando Velaphi
21. Stefan Mauk
22. Nick Kalmar
23. Mate Dugandzic
24. Patrick Kisnorbo
25. Jacob Melling
26. Marc Marino

Roar Look to Stop Slide

Jarrod Ellis

After the worst start to a season in their history Brisbane will be eyeing Melbourne City with hungry eyes. A trio of defeats has the Roar propping up the table whilst City will also be in search of their first win when they travel to Suncorp Stadium this Saturday.

Mike Mulvey's men have been far from vintage form to date and with the sudden departure of Liam Miller there has been speculation that all is not well behind the scenes.

The return of Matt McKay from his two match suspension should provide a calming influence both in the dressing room and on the pitch. His absence was particularly noticeable against Sydney as the Sky Blues dominated the midfield in their 2-0 win. Another notable returnee to the

Brisbane first eleven is Jack Hingert with Mulvey reportedly set to abandon his decision to play James Donachie at right-back. Donachie has come in for criticism for his performances and it will be interesting to see how Hingert performs, the London-born right-back having been curiously out of favour since midway through last season.

This will be the first look at the new Melbourne City for the Brisbane crowd but sadly they'll be without David Villa, the Spaniard having returned to New York City early.

Villa had been at the heart of the best things about City so far this season and his absence will force John van't Schip to adapt his plans earlier than anticipated.

Van't Schip will also have to contend with the absence of Jonatan Germano and Massimo Muroccia. The duo

suffering injuries during last week's 2-1 loss to Adelaide.

Despite that result van't Schip was keen to point out some of the positives in the Adelaide match. The Reds look to be title-contenders this season and City held their own for large portions of the first half. After the break however it was another story and City dropped off noticeably.

Whether it's a lack of fitness or concentration at fault late lapses against Brisbane could well prove costly for City with Roar renowned for their strong second half showings.

City have also struggled to deal with wide threats and with both Thomas Broich and Dimitri Petratos lined up against them Melbourne will need to defend as a unit if they hope to leave Brisbane with anything but a loss.

• Roar have won three of their last four clashes with Melbourne City. All of those victories have come at Suncorp

• Melbourne City have won just one of their seven previous visits to Brisbane in the A-League (D1 L5).



Mariners v Perth Glory

Sun 9 Nov Central Coast Stdm 5PM



1. Matthew Nash
2. Storm Roux
3. Joshua Rose
5. Zac Anderson
6. Brent Griffiths
7. John Hutchinson (C)
8. Nick Montgomery
9. Mitchell Duke
10. Anthony Caceres
11. Nick Fitzgerald
12. Liam Reddy
14. Malick Mané
15. Matthew Sim
16. Liam Rose
17. Richárd Vernes
18. Glen Trifiro
19. Matt Simon
20. Anthony Kalik
21. Michael Neill
22. Tom Slater
23. Isaka Cernak
24. Hayden Morton
25. Eddy Bosnar
26. Kim Seung-yong



The Odds	Head to Head
Mariners 2.25	Played 27
Draw 3.40	Mariners 17
Perth Glory 3.00	Drawn 5
	Glory 5

Kiss of Death
Mariners 1-2 Perth

1. Danny Vukovic
2. Jack Clisby
3. Brandon O'Neill
5. Rostyn Griffiths
6. Dino Đulbic
7. Youssouf Hersi
8. Ruben Zadkovich
9. Andy Keogh
10. Nebojša Marinkovic
11. Richard Garcia
13. Diogo Ferreira
14. Chris Harold
15. Jamie Maclaren
16. Sidnei
17. Mitch Nichols
18. Jack Duncan
19. Joshua Risdon
20. Daniel De Silva
21. Scott Jamieson
22. Cameron Edwards
23. Michael Thwaite (Captain)
24. Matthew Davies
25. Riley Woodcock
26. Harry O'Brien
30. Jordan Thurtell

Glory favourites in Gosford

Kareem Mohamed

This weekend's action will see the in-form Perth Glory travel to Gosford to take on the struggling Central Coast Mariners. Central Coast Stadium has proven a difficult place to visit in the past for Perth Glory, having won only twice in fifteen attempts. Kenny Lowe however has managed to transform the once struggling Perth Glory into an impressive outfit, currently sitting 4th on the ladder with 9 points from a possible 12. Their current form makes them clear favourites for this weekend's clash. New signing Andy Keogh has managed to hit the ground running, with 4 goals in his first 4 A-league games. His early season form has also seen him spearhead Perth Glory's FFA Cup campaign with 5 goals in 3 games.

Whilst the Mariner's will be mindful of the threat posed by the in-form Keogh, their own new import, Malick Mane, is yet to open his A-league account despite showing early signs of promise. His teammate, Mitchell Duke, is looking to bounce back from a frustrating game in front of goal, after he failed to capitalise on several guilt-edged opportunities against Sydney FC.

Phil Moss will be looking for a strong response from all his players, following last week's disappointing loss against a Sydney FC outfit led by former Mariner's coach Graham Arnold. Moss could look to shake things up by giving Fitzgerald his first start of the season. Zac Anderson may also be restored to the starting eleven, to replace the inexperienced Jacob Poscoliero in an attempt to strengthen

an uncharacteristically weak Mariner's defence.

The match marks Rostyn Griffiths return to Gosford, where he enjoyed two successful seasons with the Mariners before heading overseas. The experienced midfielder could link well with Daniel De Silva who is enjoying his first taste of regular senior action, growing in confidence with each game. Last weekend's two goal hero Jamie Maclaren may also provide a dangerous option off the bench for Perth if required.

Mariner's goalkeeper, Liam Reddy is set to return after being ruled out of last week's game. Brent Griffiths however remains on the injury list. Meanwhile Perth Glory will be missing Ruben Zadkovich, Chris Harold and Sidney Sciola due to injury.

- Mariners have never lost at home to Glory, winning 12 of their 14 meetings (incl. playoffs).

- Glory have been victorious just once in their last nine away fixtures (D1 L7).

Best Bets

Compiled by Joshua Hercus

Phoenix vs Wanderers

An inconsistent but solid start for the Phoenix has them looking to push for one of those top six places, the form of Nathan Burns in front of goal has been a source of joy for the side.

The Wanderers are retuning on a massive high after being crowned Asian Champions however it has meant a lot of travelling over the past few weeks and certainly an almighty effort.

Wellington will be looking to pounce on any tiredness here and secure three points at \$2.45

Adelaide United vs Sydney FC

Adelaide United had a fine away win at Melbourne City. Bruce Djite has been good up front forming a good linking partnership with Carrusca.

Sydney FC have also started the season with 10 points from four games and have been getting better each match, with Alex Brosque once again showing the class of footballer he is, Terry Antonis is

also looking to be getting back to the promise he showed before his knee injury.

These to will be had to split with a draw at \$3.55 good value

Newcastle Jets vs Victory

It has been a contrasting start for both of these sides at the start of the season with Jets yet to win while Victory yet to suffer a defeat. The Jets have been a bit of a bogey side for the Victory over the years so don't count them out of pulling an upset here.

Joel Griffiths in particular likes to play against the Victory and with \$9 for first goalscorer looks to be worth a punt.

Brisbane Roar vs Melbourne City

Brisbane find themselves in an unfamiliar position in 9th place and will be looking to bounce back and move up the table once again.

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And then there was four

Shaun Moran

BENTLEIGH Greens will be aiming to continue their phenomenal run of glory when they take on Western Australian opposition, Perth Glory for a berth in the final of the inaugural edition of the FFA Cup. The NPL unit ensured its participation in the last four on the back of Jamie De Abreu's dramatic extra time winner against Adelaide City in the quarter final.

This will be the first time they will face up against an A-League outfit, after swiping aside Blacktown City, Sydney Olympic and most recently the South Australians.

Coach John Anastasiadis believes anything is possible ahead of the tie.

"No doubt they will be sharper but it's eleven versus eleven so you just never know."

Perth in contrast has negotiated tougher tasks on route to this stage.

Kenny Lowe's charges took care of Newcastle and notably Melbourne

Victory, while they accounted for Victorian State League side St Albans in what was to ultimately be the first of two trips to Victorian state league grounds in the tournament.

A win in Melbourne would put the Glory in a position to win their first piece of silverware since the A-League's inception.

Expect a battle-hardened Greens to fall marginally short against a fitter and more formidable opponent.

Prediction: Bentleigh Greens 1-2 Perth Glory

Odds: Bentleigh Greens \$15 Draw \$6.50 Perth Glory \$1.17

THE 30th game of the FFA Cup pits Hyundai A-League foes up against one another in what will be the first time that Central Coast will go head to head with such an adversary until now.

Adelaide on the other hand has done

it tough against the likes of Wellington Phoenix, Brisbane Roar and Sydney FC.

Boss Josep Gombau is trying to keep a lid on United's rich vein of form both in the league and cup.

"There is a long way to go. It's not the way you start, it's the way that you finish," Gombau said.

Less glamorous teams stood in the way of the Mariners. All three of the South Coast Wolves, Olympic FC and Palm Beach Sharks posed no danger to Phil Moss' men.

Their indifferent start to their A-League campaign suggests that they will be up against it in the South Australian capital and will most probably succumb to a slick Adelaide outfit.

Prediction: Adelaide United 2-1 Central Coast Mariners

Odds: Adelaide United \$1.61 Draw \$3.75 Central Coast Mariners \$5.00

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Sun Nov 9 QPR v Man City
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Mon Nov 10 Sunderland v Everton
 12.20 am Fox 2
Mon Nov 10 Tottenham v Stoke
 12.20 am Fox 4
Mon Nov 10 WBA v Newcastle
 12.20 am Fox Sports
 News
Mon Nov 10 Swansea v Arsenal
 2.50 am Fox 4

La Liga

Sat Nov 8 Cordoba v Deportivo

6.40 am Fox 4
Sun Nov 9 Celta Vigo v Granada
 7.55 am Fox 4
Sun Nov 9 Sevilla v Levante
 9.55 pm Fox 4
Mon Nov 10 Valencia v Athletic Bilbao
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Mon Nov 10 Real Sociedad v Atletico Madrid
 6.55 am Fox 4

A-League

Fri Nov 7 Wellington v Wanderers
 5.30 pm Fox 4
Fri Nov 7 Adelaide v Sydney
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Sat Nov 8 Jets v Melb Victory
 5.00 pm Fox 4
Sun Nov 8 Brisbane v Melb City
 7.30 pm Fox 4
Mon Nov 9 Central Coast v Perth
 5.00 pm Fox 4

FFA Cup

Tue Nov 11 Semi-Final No 1
 7.30 pm Fox 4

Raising My Opinion

Investigation needed for Saudi sore losers

Andre Zwan

Sheikh Salman Al Khalifa, newly appointed President of the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) had hardly settled in his plush office when he received a demand (not an appeal) from Al-Hilal FC to investigate the appointment of Iranian referee Alireza Faghani (first leg) and Japanese whistleblower Yuichi Nishimura (second leg). The Al-Hilal directors are furious with these referees who handled the Asian Champions League final. They claim they should have had six penalties – two in the first leg and four in the second leg. On its website Al-Hilal claimed inter alia that the referees have wasted their players' rights. They said it

tarnished the reputation of the AFC. Well on this point may I point out that their fans brought the AFC into disrepute by shining lasers into the eyes of WSW players. Add to this Nasser Al-Shamrani's unsporting behaviour when he spat at Spirano vic and one can only shake your head in amazement. This guy should be suspended for a season.

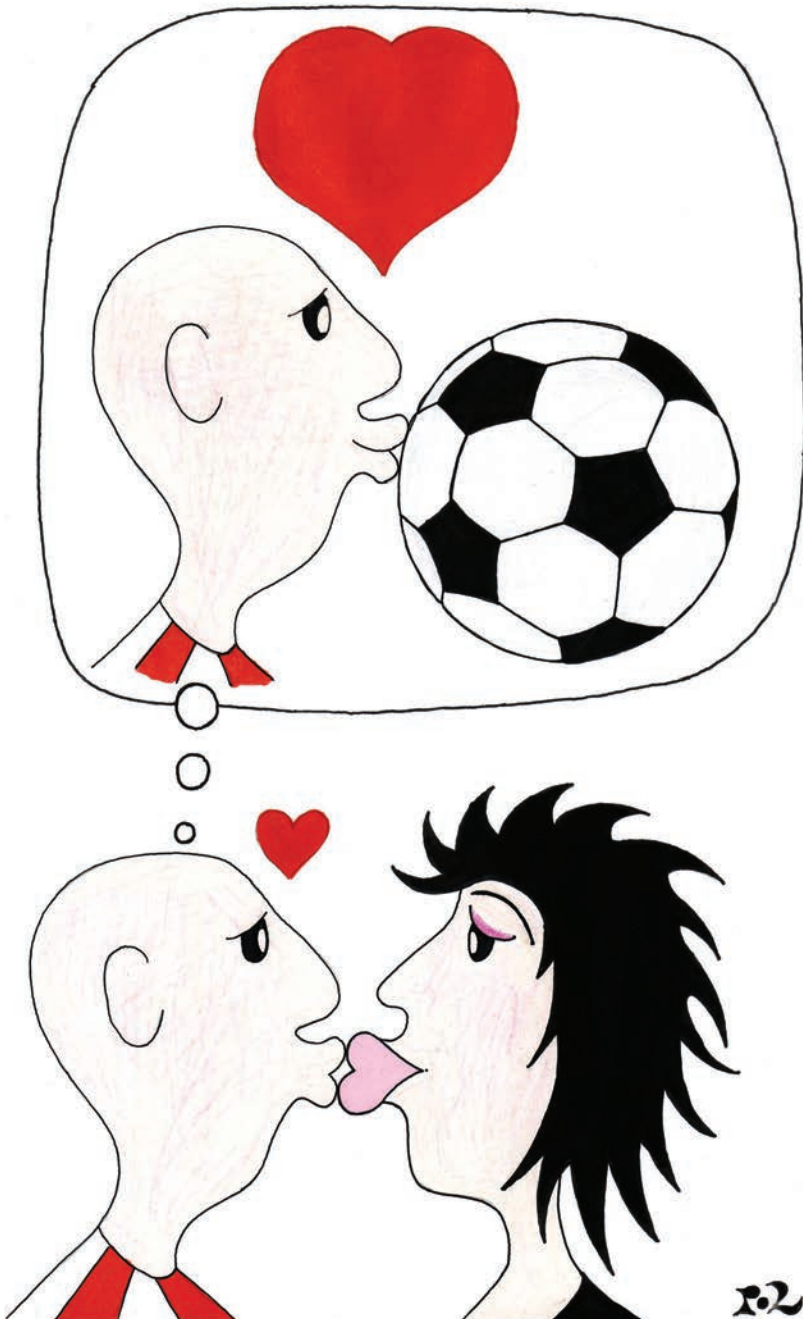
Al-Hilal also questions the integrity and fairness of AFC competitions. The sore losers also decided on some character assassination questioning the competence of referee Yuichi. In so doing they point out that the Japanese official was sent home following an inept performance in the last World Cup.

Oh well Australia has the trophy via Western Sydney Wanderers. Thanks guys for a job well done. The football loving public in Australia is proud of you.

In conclusion I must mention Wellington Phoenix, our New Zealand representatives in the A-League. Yes, they lost to Melbourne Victory but I was most impressed with their much improved performance. They ran, chased and harassed giving Victory little or no opportunity to settle into their pattern. And by the way the first goal was off-side.

Phoenix needs to be a little more goal hungry in the box. Too often that final pass goes astray.

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V-League

By Jimmy Soufis



Carlton keep 100% record in tact

Round 4 - NIKE V-League Men's

Another round of the NIKE V-League was upon us and to kick-start the action packed weekend we began on Friday night at Futsal Oz Brunswick where league leaders Carlton took on Hume. In a game that was always going to be a battle Hume. Hume went into the break leading 3-2 as they had done in all but one of their first four games and were looking to complete their first win of the season. Carlton fought back though and won their fourth straight game winning 6-4. Next up we were off to Futsal Oz Mt Evelyn on Sunday where we saw headline act Vic Vipers and Pascoe Vale go head to head. A tightly contested first half saw Pascoe build a slender 2-1 lead at the main break. A second half penalty to Pascoe allowed them to clinch a 3-1 victory over their rivals. The second game of the day in Mt Evelyn saw Fitzroy take on Ashburton. In a tense opening the teams were locked at 1-1 for an extended period before Fitzroy broke away to a 4-1 lead, which they carried, into half time. Fitzroy slackened off a little in the second half and Ashburton pounced to fight their way back into it but they would

fall just short going down 8-6. The final clash of the night saw cellar dwellers Balwyn and Metropolitan lock horns. In a close first half Metro managed to build a 3-1 lead before the half time break. Balwyn pulled one back early but would be no match as Metro ran out 6-2 winners.

Round 3 - PEPSI WV-League Women's

Kicking off the women's side of things we saw Melbourne Uni take on undefeated Vic Vipers. The young Vipers cruised through the first half leading 3-0 at the break before eventually going on to win 4-1 and maintain their unbeaten record. Second up looked the game of the night on paper when undefeated Richmond took on a new look and in form Brunswick. It was far from game of the night though as Richmond took a 6-0 half time blowing their opponents out of the water. Brunswick did battle back in the second half but could never get close enough as they went down 10-4. The final game of the night saw Ashburton take on Carlton. In a tight first half it was winless Carlton who held a 2-1 half time advantage. Ashburton would fight back though but could not get the goal

NIKE V-League Ladder

Rank	Team	Played	Points
1	FC Carlton	4	12
2	Fitzroy FC	4	10
3	Pascoe Vale FC	4	9
4	Metropolitan FC	4	4
5	Vic Vipers FC	4	4
6	Ashburton FC	4	3
7	Hume FC	4	3
8	FC Balwyn	4	0

09 Nov 5:00PM

Ashburton FC

Court 1

Hume FC

09 Nov 6:00PM

Vic Vipers FC

Court 1

FC Balwyn

09 Nov 7:00PM

Metropolitan FC

Court 1

Fitzroy FC

09 Nov 8:00PM

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FC Carlton

to win the game as they were forced to share the spoils as the game finished 3-3.

Football Manager 2015

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This process of personalisation begins long before a ball has been kicked – or even before the manager has accepted their first job. In the modern football world real-life managers display a variety of different management styles and, to reflect this, Football Manager 2015 now asks the prospective manager to decide on the type of manager that they want to be.

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reer – and improve their skills throughout by taking virtual coaching badges."

The ability to define a management style is just one of many improvements and enhancements in Football Manager 2015, many of which will not be instantly apparent as they occur over long-term play. One major change which will be obvious right from the start, however, is the complete redesign of the user interface – everything about Football Manager 2015 looks and feels different from before. The new interface makes everything within the world quicker to navigate and managers will find it easier to access everything they need to lead their club to success.

Something else that experienced managers will immediately notice is the improvement to the Match View, which has enjoyed its most significant facelift since the introduction of 3D in Football Manager 2009. A major part of this is the addition of cutting-edge motion capture data, which helps breathe new life into the match-day experience and takes it to that next level of realism. Created using players from AFC Wimbledon at Creative Assembly's motion capture facility, the new motion capture data has allowed for the addition of more than 2,000 new animations, instantly making the on-pitch experience more lifelike.

In addition, the introduction of improved lighting and an overhaul of the ball physics – along with the addition of a variety of new stadium types – combine to make Football Manager 2015's match-day experience the most realistic to date. Football Manager 2015 matches also include improved AI, new tactical player roles and instructions, new player preferred moves, touchline team talks and press interviews in the tunnel, along with a host of other innovations and enhancements.

Other elements of Football Manager 2015 which benefit from significant improvement are: Financial management, Job interviews, Manager history and profile, Media interaction, Player Roles, Player search and scouting, Preferred Player Movements (PPMs), Training.

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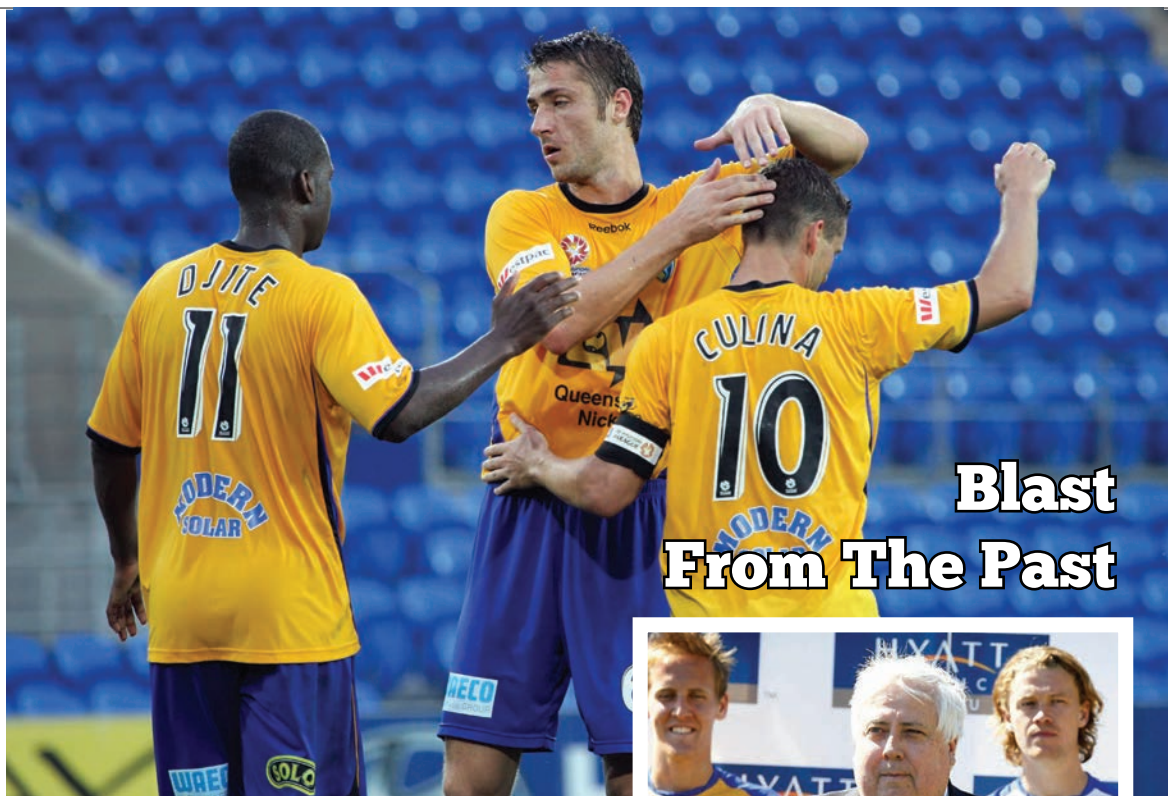


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Gold Coast United

Words: Alvaro Rodriguez

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With the unbridled success of Western Sydney Wanderers, it can be easy to understate just how flawed the A-League & its previous expansion clubs were. Gold Coast United debuted in the 2009-10 season (alongside fellow Queenslanders North QLD Fury FC) to considerable fanfare, with mining magnate/now-politician Clive Palmer as owner, Miron Bleiberg as coach and Soccerroo Jason Culina as marquee signing. Alas, the glitter-strip outfit was blighted by mixed on-field results and inability to capture hearts & minds in the area. In their first season, they averaged close to 5,500 people and in their second season, they

averaged just under 3,300 people per game. The lowest crowd attendance was 1,141 when they played the Central Coast Mariners FC at Skilled Park, on 22 February 2012 in a 3-3 draw.

Despite future-Roar coach Mike Mulvey & its promising tenure in charge, the writing was on the wall for the Goldie, and on 29 February 2012, the FFA revoked Clive Palmer's Gold Coast United A-League licence.

As a result, Palmer founded Football Australia – a competing organisation that operated without any international affiliates or much success, before heading into politics and winning a seat in the House of Representatives with the Palmer United Party.



ASK THE EXPERTS: Rd 05

THE VERDICT Phoenix 8-4 Wanderers Draw - 4 Jets 13-0 Victory Draw - 2
Roar 14-0 City Draw - 0 **Adelaide 14-15 Sydney FC Draw - 0** Mariners 15-9 Glory Draw - 0

Santo Cilauro **12**

Phoenix
Adelaide
MVC
Roar
CCM



Last week: 4

Working Dog Productions

George Donikian **12**

Melb City
Glory
Wanderers
Sydney FC
Victory



Last week: 4

Media Mogul

George Calombaris **13**

Wanderers
Draw
Victory
Brisbane
Perth Glory



Last week: 5

No.1 Victory ticket holder

Andy Harper **12**

Wellington
Adelaide
Jets
Roar
Mariners



Last week: 4

NSL Champ / Fox Sports

Ross Alatsas **12**

Wellington
Adelaide
Jets
Roar
Mariners



Last week: 4

GM Greek Media Group

Jimmy Campbell **13**

Melb City
Perth
Wanderers
Sydney
Victory



Last week: 4

Former Socceroo

Roger Sleeman **10**

Wanderers
Adelaide
Victory
Roar
Glory



Last week: 4

Reigning Tipping Champ

John Doyle **11**

Wests
Sydney
Victory
Brisbane
Central Coast



Last week: 5

Original Captain Socceroo

Peter Katholos **13**

Draw
Sydney FC
Victory
Draw
Perth



Last week: 5

Former Socceroo

Eddie Krncevic **12**

Wellington
Adelaide
Jets
Roar
Mariners



Last week: 4

Former Socceroo

Jimmy Rooney **11**

Phoenix
Draw
Victory
Draw
Mariners



Last week: 3

World Cup '74 Socceroo

John Perin **04**

Wellington
Adelaide
Jets
Roar
Mariners



Last week: 4

Hall of Fame Socceroo

George Campbell **10**

Wanderers
Adelaide
Draw
Brisbane



Last week: 4

Sth Melb & NSL Legend

Steve Blair **10**

Wellington
Adelaide
Draw
Roar
Mariners



Last week: 4

Former Socceroo

Kiss Of Death **04**

Wellington
Adelaide
Jets
Roar
Mariners



Last week: 4

GW Contributors

HOT

Just as the night of November 16th 2005 was the red-letter moment for national-team football in this country, so then will the morning of November 2nd (Australian time) 2014 be eulogised as doing the same for the domestic-club scene in Australia. It wasn't at all pretty, and surely too heart-stopping for even the neutrals' liking, but the Western Sydney Wanderers survived the onslaught of Saudi powerhouse Al-Hilal and their 63k-strong crowd in the 2nd leg to win the Asian Champions League Final! The Wanderers, non-existent 30+ months ago, are now immortalised as Australia's inaugural Asian club winners - not only that but are now off to the Club World Cup where (barring defeat by North America's rep, Cruz Azul of Mexico) they will face none other than REAL MADRID!!!

NOT

The David Villa situation at Melbourne City has nosedived with the Spanish star heading off to link up with MLS-expansion side New York City FC decidedly earlier than anticipated. If anything it casts doubt over the validity of the 'guest-player' format in my view...a player of Villa's stature/calibre should only ever be signed outright or loaned long-term for maximum-exposure, not what has instead transpired.

In saying that, I - and I'm sure most opposition fans - still relished seeing a venerable star of the modern era like himself, still in his relative prime gracing our national league with his on-field prowess, regardless of whether or not he returns to complete his stint.

By Alvaro Rodriguez

RESULTS
**Melbourne City 2
FFA CoE 1**
**Melbourne Victory 1
Brisbane Roar 2**
**Perth Glory 3
Newcastle Jets 0**
**Western Sydney 1
Adelaide United 0**
Next Round

 Sat 8 Nov **Central Coast Mariners
v Perth Glory** CCM Centre of Excellence, Tuggerah 11:00 AM

 Sat 8 Nov **FFA Centre of Excellence
v Newcastle Jets** Australian Institute of Sport Grass 2, Bruce 3:00 PM

 Sat 8 Nov **Western Sydney Wanderers
v Melbourne Victory** Blacktown International Sportsspark 3:30 PM

 Sat 8 Nov **Adelaide United v Sydney FC** Adelaide Shores Football Centre 5:00 PM

 Sun 9 Nov **Brisbane Roar v Melbourne City** Goodwin Park 3:30 PM

Melb City keeper Marko Stevanjac clears the ball despite being knocked off balance.
Photo: JOHN PUNSHON



Roar take pole position

Jordan Lim

Blistering conditions made for an interesting set of match-ups in Melbourne for Round 3 of NYL action, as both City and Victory played out 2-1 results, with contrasting success.

Brisbane extended its unbeaten start to the NYL season with a dominant 2-1 win over Melbourne Victory at Lakeside, but they had to do it the hard way as John Maclean capitalised on a blistering start for the hosts with a second minute goal.

Devante Clut continued on with his good form to secure an equaliser for Brisbane in the first half before Kofi Danning added a winner.

City will enjoy bragging rights for the week as they managed to topple an organised FFA Centre of Excellence side, courtesy of an injury-time goal.

The lions share of possession belonged to the home side, and they made it count early as Wade Dekker headed home his first ever NYL goal, only to see the tricky Daniel Arzani both win and convert a penalty in the dying embers

of the half.

Senior figure James Brown started and shone on the left flank, and was the man to tap in a last-ditch winner for City.

The win put Melbourne into equal second place, alongside Perth Glory and the Western Sydney Wanderers who also secured Round 3 wins.

Glory – on six points from three games – were intricate and incisive in their dismantling of the winless Newcastle Jets, piling on three unanswered goals, despite playing a quarter of an hour a man down.

The damage was done by that stage as Joe Knowles continued his hot streak with a brace, while Matt Davies pinched the other.

It was a closer affair for the Wanderers, who stole a march on Adelaide United with a late 1-0 win, courtesy of an 89th minute strike from local product Martin Lo.

The same score line split the two NSW based sides as a 10-man Sydney FC battled to victory over Central Coast

STANDINGS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	D	P
1 Brisbane Roar	3	2	1	0	3	1	+2	7
2 Melbourne City	3	2	0	1	7	5	+2	6
3 Perth Glory	3	2	0	1	7	5	+2	6
4 Western Sydney	3	2	0	1	3	4	-1	6
5 Melbourne Victory	3	1	1	1	7	6	+1	4
6 Adelaide United	3	1	0	2	3	3	+0	3
7 Sydney FC	2	1	0	1	1	1	+0	3
8 Mariners	3	0	2	1	1	2	-1	2
9 FFA CoE	3	0	1	2	4	6	-2	1
10 Newcastle Jets	2	0	1	1	3	6	-3	1

Mariners.

Having lost Max Burgess to a straight red card within the opening half an hour, Sydney toiled unerringly to cover the loss, and were rewarded with an 86th minute winner courtesy of James Andrew.

This weekend's action sees the leagues best defence – one goal conceded in three matches – front up against the most potent forward line – seven goals scored – as Brisbane host Melbourne City in a top of the table clash.

The opening game of the round also promises to be a beauty as Central Coast faces up against an impressive looking Perth outfit.

Perth Glory's Alanna Kennedy (6), who had just scored with a header from a corner, leads the celebration. Photo: JOHN PUNSHON

RESULTS

Canberra United 1 (Ellie Brush 90')
Western Sydney Wanderers 1 (Hannah Beard 10')

Sydney FC 1 (Jasmyne Spencer 85')
Brisbane Roar 1 (Tameka Butt 66')

Melbourne Victory 1 (Rachael Quigley 4')
Perth Glory 3 (Alanna Kennedy 40', Elisa D'Ovidio 81', Caitlin Foord 89')

Round 8 fixture between
Newcastle Jets v Adelaide United to be played 29 November



Glory Go Seven Points Clear

Russ Gibbs

Perth Glory has extended its lead at the summit of the Westfield W-League to seven points following the completion of Round 9. Glory defeated World Club Championship bound Melbourne Victory 3-1 at the Lakeside Stadium on Sunday afternoon, taking advantage of Sydney FC being held to a 1-1 draw by Brisbane Roar 24-hours earlier.

Glory had to come from behind to defeat Victory in the live ABC TV match with Rachael Quigley netting a spectacular fourth minute opener for the hosts. The league leaders were level by half-time however when Alanna Kennedy headed home powerfully from a corner. Stephanie Catley was unfortunate to see a goal ruled out for offside before Elisa D'Ovidio, looking suspiciously offside, put the visitors ahead with nine minutes to play. Caitlin Foord rounded off the result with a stunning third late on.

The result capped a miserable week for Melbourne who slumped to a surprise 2-1 loss to Adelaide United in midweek. Lauren Barnes missed a brace of penal-

ties for Melbourne, scoring a rebound off the first of her misses, but goals from Lisa-Marie Woods from the spot, and Tiarn Powell in the space of four minutes gave the Lady Reds the points. Barnes missed her second spot-kick with two minutes remaining as Adelaide continued their upward march.

At McKellar Park a ninetieth minute equaliser from Ellie Brush earned Canberra United a 1-1 draw with Western Sydney Wanderers for whom Hannah Beard had headed into a 10th minute lead. The Wanderers looked set for their first win over Canberra after Beard's early goal, only for Brush to pounce after Caitlin Munoz had hit the bar with a header as the clocked ticked over into stoppage time.

Sydney FC meanwhile relied on another superb goal from Jasmyne Spencer, her seventh of the season, to earn parity with Brisbane Roar at Lambert Park in Sydney. Tameka Butt put Roar ahead in the 66th minute only for Spencer to level for the Sky Blues with five minutes to go and leave the Matildas' studded Brisbane sitting last.

STANDINGS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Perth Glory	8	7	0	1	24	6	+18	21
2 Sydney FC	8	4	2	2	10	6	+4	14
3 Canberra United	8	4	1	3	13	12	+1	13
4 Newcastle Jets	7	4	0	3	16	8	+8	12
5 Melbourne Victory	9	3	2	4	17	14	+3	11
6 Adelaide United	8	3	0	5	7	17	-10	9
7 Western Sydney	8	2	1	5	11	29	-18	7
8 Brisbane Roar	8	1	2	5	9	15	-6	5

The pick of this weekend's Round 10 games sees second placed Sydney FC travel to third placed Canberra United in what should be a tremendous match live on ABC. Perth Glory welcomes Newcastle Jets to Western Australia, Brisbane Roar hosts the resurgent Adelaide United whilst Western Sydney Wanderers are at home to Melbourne Victory.

Round 9

Brisbane Roar V Adelaide United

Sat 08 Nov KO 4:30PM - Suncorp Stadium

Perth Glory V Newcastle Jets Sat

Sat 08 Nov KO 6:00PM - Ashfield Sports Club

Canberra United V Sydney FC

Sun 09 Nov KO 3:00PM - McKellar Park

Western Sydney Wanderers V

Melbourne Victory Sun 09 Nov KO 3:00PM - Marconi Stadium



NEW WORLD CUP HOSTING PLANS

Daniel Campos

Chile are keen to host the 2030 World Cup finals their newly re-elected football federation (ANFP) president announced on Monday.

Sergio Jadue, who was re-elected to his post as president of the ANFP on Monday, said they could do it either on their own -- which would be the second time in their history as they hosted the 1962 finals -- or jointly with Uruguay.

"We have spoken with all the main people, the president of Conmebol (the regional confederation), the president of FIFA (Sepp Blatter) and members of the FIFA executive committee about the possibility of hosting it either alone or with Uruguay," Jadue said after the election where he was the only candidate.

Argentina announced they have resigned their candidacy in the bidding as hosts for the 2030 World Cup tournament, the government confirmed earlier this week.

"Argentina will not be in the running. We are not contemplating a bid for the World Cup therefore the organising of the tournament for Uruguay will need to be without us if it is to be held in South America", responded the secretary of the Asociación del Fútbol Argentino (AFA), Miguel Ángel Silva.

Now Chile has confirmed its candidacy for the 2030 World Cup alongside Uruguay. Re-elected president Sergio Jadue said, "I have spoken with the new boss of Uruguay's FA - Asociación Uruguaya de Fútbol (AUF) and they want to organise the 2030

edition. I find it a legitimate ambition to strive for. Uruguay hosted the first tournament, and it will be the 100th anniversary. Just before the Brazil World Cup this year, I announced that if Chile host an excelled FIFA Under 17 tournament then next year a strong Copa América organisation then FIFA could consider us seriously".

The president of the Uruguayan FA (AUF), Wilmar Valdez also said, "FIFA will show its interest and only from then on shall we decide what to do next. Whether we can co-host the tournament with a neighbouring country or Chile host it themselves are other options. We are open to all possibilities".

On November 26, AUF officials are to meet with the president of the International Federation of Associated Football (FIFA), Sepp Blatter, to make their case for hosting football's most important championship with Chile.

Sergio Jadue has already announced that Chile will need to bolster its stadium facilities and upgrade vital infrastructure to meet FIFA criteria and requirement for hosting a global event like the FIFA World Cup.

With the minimal standard of 12 stadiums with at least 40,000 capacity seating, Chile only has two in its capital Santiago whilst only counts with its historic Centenario stadium which holds just over 65,000 spectators.

This will also mean involvement from the private sector for investment. The

Chilean government has already signalled its intention in presenting a project with a long-term plan to further bolster its infrastructure.

The FIFA World Cup 2030 tournament already looks to have co-host bids with Spain-Portugal and Holland-Belgium. Both bidding teams have an estimated \$2billion investment model for their respective stadia to go under renovations in order to meet strict FIFA guidelines. Another requisite is to facilitate medical centres near stadiums and security forces. Alongside the stadia requirements are hospitality and accommodation where the minimal number is 64 modern sporting complexes in order to host travelling teams. As for the bids itself, a country boasting a high number of facilities does not ensure winning the rights to host a World Cup. A key example was England for the 2018 tournament with 127 precincts in its bid however eventual winner Russia presented 72. An additional minimum requirement of 60,000 bedrooms needs to be available for all delegations, fans and media.

FIFA also considers sporting tradition, titles and experience hosting past events. Chile hosted the World Cup back in 1962, two Under-20 tournaments in 1987 and 2008 plus the Under-17 tournament to be held next year. Meanwhile Uruguay hosted the inaugural edition back in 1930 and have won two World Cup and Olympic Games titles.



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Works progressing at CB Smith Reserve in preparation for the NPL Victoria 2015 season

NPL facilities on the improve in Moreland

By Skip Fulton

One of the key challenges universally acknowledged in the Victorian football community is the growing need to access quality facilities. The introduction of the National Premier Leagues in 2014 by Football Federation Victoria has raised the bar further and set high expectations for clubs participating in both the NPL and NPL1.

Many look at successful long-standing clubs like the Melbourne Knights with envy. Knights Stadium remains an icon of Victorian football and this year celebrated its 25th year of service to the club. As the new direction of football at a national level tries to distance itself from the historical ethnic foundations of the game in Australia, one only has to look back at the origin of Knights Stadium to see the positive impact these foundations have had on so many aspects of the game. It was the local Croatian community who purchased the land with the club, making donations and volunteering in the early days to develop the facility.

Whilst the glory days of the National Soccer League and its associated large crowds at local venues like Knights Stadium will never be forgotten, it will be some time before the NPL reaches the same heights, if it does at all. The NPL Victoria's size and confirmed expansion in 2015 by two additional teams to a total of thirty places a significant burden, both financial and logistical, on clubs to meet the standard. The Knights control their own destiny but for so many others, it is their relationship with the local Council and the competing priority for Council

funds that will define the future.

On the other side of Melbourne one such Council that has been pro-actively working towards the future of football and putting their money where their mouth is, and that is the City of Moreland. The council covers an area from Brunswick in Melbourne's inner north up through Coburg, Pascoe Vale, Glenroy and across to Fawkner.

In Jukes Street Fawkner, CB Smith Reserve is centrally located in the heart of a large community area including the Fawknor Leisure Centre, Library, Maternal and Child Health Centre and Fawknor Community House. On the other side of the fence is the John Fawknor College where recently investment has seen new synthetic pitches laid at the school, which is the key partner in the Melbourne City College of Football.

The City of Moreland Council is investing heavily in an upgrade to CB Smith Reserve. Specifically it is putting \$6.4 million into developing it as a premier sport and education hub and works are on track to deliver a state-of-the-art community facility that will transform football in Melbourne's north.

The new \$4.3 million facilities at CB Smith Reserve will include a new grandstand, function room, kitchen, kiosk, change rooms, media room and flexible learning space. Works to the grounds totalling \$2.1 million will also be carried out – including new pitches, irrigation, new lights and a score board.

The City of Moreland has granted three clubs the rights to play at the upgraded

CB Smith Reserve. They are Pascoe Vale SC from the NPL, Moreland Zebras from the NPL1 and Fawknor SC from the State League.

Goal! Weekly recently spent time with Lou Tona, Head of NPL and Council Liaison at Pascoe Vale SC who spoke about the upgraded facilities and relationship with the council. "Our grand plan is to have Hosken Reserve as our premier facility for training and junior football. CB Smith will be our match-day venue for the Seniors and Under 20s. We have been accepted to play there and it's a magnificent facility. It's a municipal facility with class-A pitch, new grandstands, change rooms, scoreboards the whole lot," he said.

The commitment made by the City of Moreland in growing the game reflects positive engagement the Council has with the clubs in the area. The mighty dollar is king in any council environment and there are always competing priorities. Commenting on the City of Moreland Council, Tona said "They have just been amazing. They are very strategic and it's obvious for us to say we want this and we want that but we understand their challenges too. For me, the City of Moreland has been an absolutely massive supporter of the game, as long as you're prepared to put in as a club. For whatever improvements we've had at this club, we've put a lot of it in, but the City of Moreland has been right behind us backing us."

The development and upgrades to CB Smith Reserve remain on target ready for the start of the 2015 NPL season.

The World Game | EPL



Chelsea tops as City take derby honours

Nick Amies

Newcastle recorded their third win on the bounce in the league with a 1-0 triumph over Liverpool. Brendan Rogers' side once again struggled to convert their chances, and were made to pay when Ayoze Perez struck late in the second half to send the Toon firmly into mid-table.

Merseyside's other team didn't fare much better, recording a nil-all draw at home to Swansea. Everton had the upper hand for most of the game but couldn't find the breakthrough they needed.

The weekend's other stalemate was a much more entertaining affair, with West Ham coming back from two goals down secure a 2-2 draw away to Stoke. Alexis Sanchez continued his great form for Arsenal, finding the back of the net twice at the Emirates to help his side to a 3-0 win over Burnley. Calum Chambers was the other scorer for the Gunners, while Theo Walcott continued his return from injury.

Chelsea continued their unbeaten start to the season with a 2-1 victory over struggling QPR. Harry Redknapp's side

are still trapped in the relegation zone and lost their chance of a point by conceding a late penalty for Eden Hazard to slot home.

Jose Mourinho's side are still top, but their nearest rivals are still Southampton, who travelled to Hull and came away with a narrow 1-0 win thanks to Victor Wanyama's impressive long-range goal.

Leicester completed the trio of newly-promoted side sitting in the relegation zone after their defeat at home to West Brom. Esteban Cambiasso was the unfortunate scorer of the own-goal that decided the game just minutes into the second half.

Manchester City won bragging rights in the derby, with Sergio Aguero scoring the winner against United, who lost defender Chris Smalling to a second yellow card late in the first half.

Aston Villa scored their first goal since September against Spurs, but were overcome in the 90th minute when Harry Kane struck home.

Finally, Steven Fletcher bagged a double to end Sunderland's poor run of form

STANDINGS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Chelsea	10	8	2	0	26	10	+16	26
2 Southampton	10	7	1	2	21	5	+16	22
3 Manchester City	10	6	2	2	20	10	+10	20
4 Arsenal	10	4	5	1	18	11	+7	17
5 West Ham United	10	5	2	3	19	14	+5	17
6 Swansea City	10	4	3	3	13	10	+3	15
7 Liverpool	10	4	2	4	13	13	+0	14
8 Tottenham Hotspur	10	4	2	4	13	14	-1	14
9 Everton	10	3	4	3	19	17	+2	13
10 Manchester Utd	10	3	4	3	16	14	+2	13
11 West Brom	10	3	4	3	13	13	+0	13
12 Newcastle United	10	3	4	3	11	15	-4	13
13 Stoke City	10	3	3	4	10	12	-2	12
14 Hull City	10	2	5	3	13	14	-1	11
15 Sunderland	10	2	5	3	11	18	-7	11
16 Aston Villa	10	3	1	6	5	16	-11	10
17 Crystal Palace	10	2	3	5	14	19	-5	9
18 Leicester City	10	2	3	5	11	16	-5	9
19 QPR	10	2	1	7	9	20	-11	7
20 Burnley	10	0	4	6	5	19	-14	4

LATEST RESULTS

Newcastle Utd	1-0	Liverpool
Arsenal	3-0	Burnley
Chelsea	2-1	QPR
Everton	0-0	Swansea City
Hull City	0-1	Southampton
Leicester City	0-1	West Brom
Stoke City	2-2	West Ham
Man City	1-0	Man United
Aston Villa	1-2	Tottenham
Crystal Palace	1-3	Sunderland

NEXT MATCH

Liverpool	v	Chelsea
Burnley	v	Hull City
Man Utd	v	Crystal Palace
Southampton	v	Leicester City
West Ham	v	Aston Villa
QPR	v	Man City
Sunderland	v	Everton
Tottenham	v	Stoke City
WBA	v	Newcastle Utd
Swansea City	v	Arsenal

with a 3-1 win over Crystal Palace.

One to watch!

Liverpool hosting Chelsea was the fixture that effectively ended last season's title race through Steven Gerrard's infamous slip. Chelsea are currently the runaway competition leaders this season and will be looking to compound the misery at Liverpool, who are struggling to recapture their form of last campaign and sit in seventh place.



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Joaquin Larrivey's seventh goal of the season earned Celta their first win at Barcelona since 1941.



STANDINGS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts	Mo
1 Real Madrid	10	8	0	2	37	10	+27	24	
2 Valencia	10	7	2	1	23	9	+14	23	
3 Atlético Madrid	10	7	2	1	19	9	+10	23	
4 Barcelona	10	7	1	2	23	4	+19	22	
5 Sevilla	10	7	1	2	17	10	+7	22	
6 Celta de Vigo	10	5	4	1	17	11	+6	19	
7 Málaga	10	5	3	2	12	8	+4	18	
8 Villarreal	10	4	2	4	14	12	+2	14	
9 Eibar	10	3	4	3	12	13	-1	13	
10 Getafe	10	4	1	5	8	14	-6	13	
11 Athletic Club	10	3	2	5	7	12	-5	11	
12 Rayo Vallecano	10	3	2	5	13	19	-6	11	
13 Espanyol	10	2	4	4	10	12	-2	10	
14 Almería	10	2	3	5	8	12	-4	9	
15 Granada	10	2	3	5	6	17	-11	9	
16 Deportivo La C...	10	2	2	6	12	21	-9	8	
17 Elche	10	2	2	6	10	22	-12	8	
18 Levante	10	2	2	6	6	24	-18	8	
19 Real Sociedad	10	1	3	6	10	15	-5	6	
20 Córdoba	10	0	5	5	8	18	-10	5	

LATEST RESULTS

Deportivo	1 - 2	Getafe
Granada	0 - 4	Real Madrid
Atlético Madrid	4 - 2	Córdoba
Barcelona	0 - 1	Celta de Vigo
Real Sociedad	0 - 1	Málaga
Athletic Club	1 - 0	Sevilla
Villarreal	1 - 3	Valencia
Levante	2 - 1	Almería
Elche	2 - 1	Espanyol
Rayo Vallecano	2 - 3	Eibar

NEXT MATCH

Córdoba	v	Deportivo La C...
Almería	v	Barcelona
Getafe	v	Elche
Real Madrid	v	Rayo Vallecano
Celta de Vigo	v	Granada
Málaga	v	Eibar
Sevilla	v	Levante
Espanyol	v	Villarreal
Valencia	v	Athletic Club
Real Sociedad	v	Atlético Madrid

Barca Lose Ground, Enrique Losing Cred

Pepe Lopez

A 0-1 loss at Barcelona's home ground Camp Nou against underdogs Celta Vigo has seen Barca drop from top of La Liga to fourth. This is the second consecutive La Liga loss for the Catalans. Real Madrid, Valencia and Atletico Madrid all leapfrogged Barca, a team that boasts names such as Messi, Neymar, Iniesta, Suarez, Xavi, Alba, Busquets, Alves, Rakitic, Mascherano etc. A list of names who all featured for their national teams at the recent 2014 World Cup in Brazil earlier this year. Madrid based media have been mocking Enrique in recently, they now have the full attention of the wider Spanish public landing direct hits. Having not won a major trophy last season, it's becoming hard to see how Barcelona in their current form are likely to win anything this season, having lost El Clasico 3-1 to Real Madrid last weekend, and have been beaten by Paris St Germain in the group stage of the European Champions League.

Barcelona's Argentine defender Javier Mascherano is fully aware of the present situation, and expressed his concerns with media after the match; "We played a bad game - we were not comfortable at any point in the whole game. We had our chances but we did not develop our game. It is worrying. The defeat against Real Madrid did not have an influence on us in this match. Beyond the fact it is two defeats in a row, the game here was different. We created some chances but we know we did not play well. We have to lift our heads. If you want to be at a club like this, you have to keep fighting. All is not lost, on Wednesday we have an important match in the Champions League. We have to win that and gain confidence. The season is long and we have to believe in ourselves. We know that people will want to make us believe that we did everything wrong and it is not the case. We can still change it."

Luis Enrique is a former player of Barcelona and coach of the club's reserve team from 2008 to 2011. He coached Italian club Roma for one season, and ironically was Celta Vigo's coach last season. With both Roma and Celta Vigo, Enrique just managed mid-table status, ultimate success it seems may allude Enrique for yet another season, if he lasts that long.

The World Game | Serie A



Samp out to inflict misery on Milan

Luca Cetta

As he closes in on his Sampdoria anniversary, Sinisa Mihajlovic can look back proudly on 12 months in charge. He transformed the team from one with just two wins to its name in 12 matches last season to a capable unit which steered well clear of relegation danger. The Serb became a Press conference favourite by quoting, amongst others, Dante, Che Guevara and John F. Kennedy.

They have been the surprise team of the new season, currently sitting in fourth spot. Sampdoria's only loss was to a last minute penalty against Inter. Impressive results in defeating hated rivals Genoa and drawing against high-flying Roma was added to by a fantastic win over Fiorentina last Sunday. The match ebbed and flowed and after taking the lead, Samp had goalkeeper Sergio Romero to thank for saving a penalty. They would double the lead and eventually win 3-1.

At home the Blucerchiati have been especially strong, the Roma draw the only time in five matches they have not won. It has propelled the port-city club to fourth, just six points behind leaders Juventus and level with Lazio. "I am proud of my players, as few expected us to be third [before Lazio played] in Week 10," Mihajlovic

noted.

Rivals Genoa sit just a point back, making the city the second best performing in Serie A, only behind Rome. In what has been a troubling time for the city – recent flooding devastated parts of Genoa and resulted in one death – football, led by Sampdoria, is bringing a cheer.

Not so for Pippo Inzaghi's Milan. They are three points behind Sampdoria in a tightly packed top half, currently seventh. Their midweek draw with Cagliari was followed up by an abject home performance against Palermo. The Sicilians netted twice in a destructive two minute spell to seal the contest. It leaves the Coach with plenty of questions to answer as they prepare to travel to the Stadio Luigi Ferraris. "We can't wait to get back on the field against Sampdoria to make up for this performance," Inzaghi said afterwards. In what is a positive, the Rossoneri are unbeaten in five away matches this season, but will need a turnaround on recent showings to trouble an impressive the Samp.

Meanwhile, leaders Juventus host struggling Parma eager to maintain their three-point gap to Roma, who face Torino at the Stadio Olimpico.

STANDINGS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts	M
1 Juventus	10	8	1	1	18	4	+14	25	
2 Roma	10	7	1	2	16	6	+10	22	
3 Lazio	10	6	1	3	20	11	+9	19	
4 Sampdoria	10	5	4	1	12	6	+6	19	
5 Napoli	10	5	3	2	19	12	+7	18	
6 Genoa	10	5	3	2	14	10	+4	18	
7 Milan	10	4	4	2	18	14	+4	16	
8 Udinese	10	5	1	4	13	13	+0	16	
9 Inter	10	4	3	3	15	12	+3	15	
10 Fiorentina	10	3	4	3	10	9	+1	13	
11 Verona	10	3	4	3	11	16	-5	13	
12 Torino	10	3	3	4	7	9	-2	12	
13 Palermo	10	3	3	4	11	17	-6	12	
14 Sassuolo	10	2	5	3	10	15	-5	11	
15 Cagliari	10	2	3	5	16	16	+0	9	
16 Atalanta	10	2	3	5	4	11	-7	9	
17 Empoli	10	1	4	5	10	18	-8	7	
18 Cesena	10	1	4	5	7	16	-9	7	
19 Parma	10	2	0	8	14	21	-7	6	
20 Chievo	10	1	2	7	6	15	-9	5	

LATEST RESULTS

Napoli	2 - 0	Roma
Empoli	0 - 2	Juventus
Parma	2 - 0	Internazionale
Chievo	0 - 0	Sassuolo
Sampdoria	3 - 1	Fiorentina
Torino	0 - 0	Atalanta
Udinese	2 - 4	Genoa
Milan	0 - 2	Palermo
Cesena	1 - 1	Hellas Verona
Lazio	4 - 2	Cagliari

NEXT MATCH

Sassuolo	v	Atalanta
Sampdoria	v	Milan
Cagliari	v	Genoa
Chievo	v	Cesena
Empoli	v	Lazio
Juventus	v	Parma
Palermo	v	Udinese
Fiorentina	v	Napoli
Internazionale	v	Hellas Verona
Roma	v	Torino

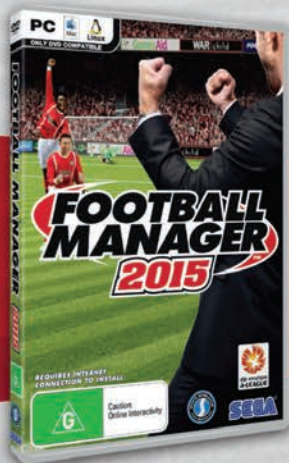
One to watch!

Napoli were scintillating in downing Roma last Saturday and face another challenge against Fiorentina, who are aiming to bounce back from the Sampdoria defeat. Both sides were in European action on Thursday and have their sights on third spot.

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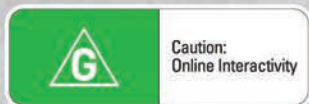
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